

REMARKS

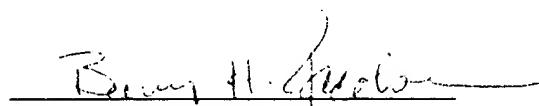
Claims 1-22, 25-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over 4,788,055 issued to Fischer ("Fischer") in view of 5,411,945 issued to Ozaki ("Ozaki"). Applicants traverse this rejection.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview on August 9, 2002. In an effort to expedite this application to issuance, Applicants have amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner during the interview. Applicants have also added claims 28-31 to more clearly recite various aspects of Applicants' invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the amendments. Applicants believe that this amendment obviates the outstanding rejections and withdrawal of the rejection is appropriate. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and request favorable reconsideration.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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MARKED UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES

1. (Amended) A consumable film adapted to adhere to and dissolve in a mouth of a consumer, wherein said film comprises at least one water soluble polymer, at least one pharmaceutically active agent and at least one taste masking agent, wherein said at least one taste masking agent is selected from the group consisting of an ion exchange resin, magnesium trisilicate, acrylic resins, cellulose ethers, cellulosics, ethyl cellulose and combinations thereof; and wherein said taste masking agent is in a weight ratio to said pharmaceutically active agent of about 2:1 to about 1:2.

28. A consumable film adapted to adhere to and dissolve in a mouth of a consumer, wherein said film comprises at least one water soluble polymer, at least one pharmaceutically active agent and at least one taste masking agent, wherein said at least one taste masking agent comprises an ion exchange resin; and wherein said taste masking agent is in a weight ratio to said pharmaceutically active agent of about 2:1 to about 1:2.

29. The consumable film according to claim 1 or 28, wherein said ratio is about 1:1.

30. A consumable film adapted to adhere to and dissolve in a mouth of a consumer, wherein said film comprises at least one water soluble polymer, at least one pharmaceutically active agent and an ion exchange resin; wherein said ion

exchange resin is in a weight ratio to said pharmaceutically active agent of about 2:1 to about 1:2.

31. The consumable film according to claim 30, wherein said ratio is about 1:1.